

## Kids Column

Mk.10:46-52

In today's Gospel reading, a blind man called Bartimaeus called out to Jesus to cure him.

Sometimes we can be blind too. When we don't see the truth about God or when we can't see our own faults, then we have a kind of blindness.

When we find that we cannot see ourselves or God clearly, we should be like Bartimaeus and call out to Jesus to help us. If we believe in Him then we will get our sight back too.

When Bartimaeus was cured of his blindness he started to follow Jesus right away. When we can see ourselves and God clearly, then we will also want to follow Jesus.

Before you go to bed, ask God to help you to remember your sins today and then tell Him you're sorry for them.

(excerpt: thekidsbulletin.com)

**"What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad." Psalm 125**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please contact the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the date.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at least **6 months** before the desired date.

## OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

We advise that your Offerings and Donations to the Parish can be made via SurePay, When visiting the SurePay payments desk, please note the following:

1. Ensure you communicate clearly that the payment is for the St. Joseph the Worker Parish
2. You will be given a number for each community (see below). Please choose the one required.  
Gros Islet - 01  
Grande Riviere - 02  
Monchy - 03

Payments can be made in person or online. For further clarification, kindly contact the Parish Office. We appreciate your support.

### A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages, "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together, and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. In your wisdom protect our country, Saint Lucia, our region and the whole world from this pandemic. Be with the doctors, nurses and researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected, and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Mary, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us. Amen.



*St. Joseph the Worker Parish*  
Gros Islet, Grande Riviere & Monchy

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday  
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.  
6.00 - 6.45 p.m.  
&  
by appointment

# VISION 2020-DISCIPLES ON MISSION

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24TH OCT 2021 - YEAR B

### *Seeing the Son of God.*

Today's Gospel turns on an irony: it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah; and his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in the First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and the lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long awaited Son promised to David. Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, *all* will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come. As we hear in the Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be a priest-king like Melchizedek who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history. Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus should be a sign for us too. How often Christ passes us by - in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate - and yet we don't see Him. Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him: what can we do for all that He has done for us?

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### **First Reading**

Jer.31:7-9

### **Second Reading**

Heb. 5:1-6

### **Gospel**

Mk. 10:46-52

## MASS TIMES

### **GROS ISLET**

Morning Prayers:  
5:45a.m.



### **MONDAY**

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



### **TUESDAY**

6:00 a.m.



### **WEDNESDAY**

6:00 a.m.& 12:30 p.m.

**G/Riviere:** 6:00 p.m.



### **THURSDAY**

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.

**Monchy:** 6:00 p.m.



### **FRIDAY**

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



### **SATURDAY**

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.



### **SUNDAY**

**Gros Islet/G. Riviere**  
7:30 A.M.

**Gros Islet/Monchy**  
10:00 a.m.



### **HOLIDAY**

7:00 a.m.



Saints Simon & Jude - Feast Day October 28th

According to the New Testament, Simon the Zealot, and Jude, also known as Judas Thaddaeus, were two of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. The lives of these two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He became known as Jude after early translators of the New Testament from Greek into English sought to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot and thus abbreviated his name.

According to the legend, Jude was a son of Cleophas, a brother of St. Joseph, and his mother was Mary, a cousin of the Virgin Mary. When the Apostles left Jerusalem to proclaim the Kingdom of God in other lands, Jude went into Syria, Armenia and ancient Persia. He joined up with Simon, and their missionary partnership won tens of thousands of Babylonians and people from other cities for Christ. Jude has left us a short but powerful Epistle, written after the death of his brother James, bishop of Jerusalem, and addressed to the new Christians being tempted by false brethren and heretics.

A tradition arose over the centuries - since Judas Iscariot was so despised, and the reluctance of the faithful to seek the intercession of one who shared a name with Christ’s betrayer - of petitioning St. Jude only when all other saints had failed to answer prayers. Out of confusion or an abundance of caution, Jude thus became the saint of last resort.

Simon is mentioned in all four lists of the apostles. To distinguish him from Simon Peter, in two of them he is called "the Zealot." Eastern Orthodox Church tradition holds that it was at Simon's wedding in Cana that Christ turned water to wine, and that he was called zealot because on seeing this miracle, Simon left his home, his parents and his bride and followed Christ.

Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus’ miracles and His death and resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day, in 65AD, in Persia.

In art, Simon has the identifying attribute of a saw because he was martyred by being sawn in half. St. Simon is the patron of curriers, sawmen, sawyers and tanners. St. Jude is the patron saint of desperate situations, forgotten causes, hospital workers, hospitals, impossible and lost causes. The axe that he is often shown holding in pictures symbolizes the way in which he was killed.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown. Jesus chose some unlikely people: a former crooked tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder" and a man named Judas Iscariot. It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift.

(excerpt: catholicculture.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK

Nellie Hall  
Martha Mason  
Iris Macauldy  
Denis Augustin  
Bentley Jn. Baptiste

DECEASED

Ilene Louis  
James Prudent  
Kareem Auguste  
Thomas M. Jean  
Joseph James  
Augustin Felix

WEEKDAY READINGS



MONDAY

Rom.8:12-17  
Lk. 13:10-17



TUESDAY

Rom.8:18-25  
Lk.13:18-21



WEDNESDAY

Rom.8:26-30  
Lk.13:22-30



THURSDAY

Eph.2:19-22  
Lk.6:12-16



FRIDAY

Rom.9:1-5  
Lk.14:1-6



SATURDAY

Rom.11:1-2,  
11-12, 25-29  
Lk.14:1,7-11



MASS INTENTIONS

GROS ISLET	CLERGY/RELIGIOUS	INTENTIONS
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B		
Sat Oct 23 - 4:30 p.m.	<div>“ Deliver us O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.” Ps. 125</div>	Thks: Regina Mondesir Wedd. Ann: Rohan & Sirah Phillip
Sun Oct 24 - 8:00 a.m.		Eucharistic Service
Grande Riviere - 7:30a.m.		Thks: Sherman Robinson 107th B'day: Eldica Nicholas B'day: Olientia Blenman Kingsley St. Hill
Monchy - 10:00 a.m.		MISSA PRO POPULO
WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon Oct 25 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Nmor Fr. Konrad Mair Fr. Kenneth Haakyav	Dc'd: Mr. & Mrs. Edison Edmunds
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Anton St. Rose, Louise Benjamin Jerome, Thomas & Pauline Benjamin
Tue Oct 26 - 6:00 a.m.	Rev. Nathalbert Husbands Sr. Stephanía Banda	B'day: Niara Williams Simon Altenor, Rochelle Theophilus St. Michael: Jeanne Frederick & family
Wed Oct 27 - 6:00 a.m.	Fr. Kevin Murray Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey	Dc'd: Sr. Margaret Mary O'Carm. Iris Moody, Theresa St. Rose
12:30 p.m.		Dc'd: Mr. & Mrs. Placide Antoinese Edward, Viviana Chastanet
Grande Riviere - 5:30p.m.		Parishioners
Thu Oct 28 - 6:00 a.m. Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	Fr. John Milton Rev. Gerard Calderon	St. Jude: Perlin Verdant & family Thks: Monica Prospere, Bernice Springer
12:30 p.m.		Guid & Protec: Alex Blanchard
Monchy - 5:00 p.m.		Parishioners
Fri Oct 29- 6:00 a.m.	Rev. David Popo Rev. Peter Fevrier Rev. Herald Wilson	Thks: Monica Prospere B'day: Monique Louis Renand Joseph, Joyce Daniel
12:30 p.m.		B'day: Marie Augustin Helon & Helonna Louis Thks : Marjorie Grell
Sat Oct 30 - 6:30 a.m. BVM	Rev. Winston Taylor	Thks: Monica Prospere